

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: C30E08A8A91318977059FDE5CFAE1CAF.png

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500387.026

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 30 June 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 30 June 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file consists of a thumbnail photograph with a sexualised image of an almost naked young girl in a studio pose. The image focuses on the deliberate display of the girl's immature body and undeveloped sexual parts. It is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.